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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

In accordance with instructions communicated to me through the Secretary of State, I spoke by telephone with Mr. Harry S. Truman in Independence, Missouri, on July 26, 1958, and advised him that in the light of certain critical developments in the world situation, you desired that Mr. Truman should have the benefit of Central Intelligence Agency briefings if he so desired. Mr. Truman expressed keen appreciation and ready acceptance of this offer.

Accordingly, on Wednesday morning, July 30, 1958, Mr. Truman received a comprehensive briefing from a senior representative of the Agency. The briefing took place in Mr. Truman's library at Independence, Missouri. The briefing was based on a prepared comprehensive text and was on an all source basis, with emphasis on recent developments in the Middle East and problems affecting our relations with the Soviet Union.

I am sending General Goodpaster supplementary memoranda covering my telephone conversations with Mr. Truman, and the report of our briefing officer.

Mr. Truman was most appreciative and repeatedly expressed his desire to be of assistance. In particular he stated his concern that his public statements be helpful and not harmful as they might be if he is not kept well informed.

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